

**Subject:** MPSCS Concerns

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**To:** KevinCotter@house.mi.gov

Dear Representative Cotter:

For the purpose of this communication, I am acting solely as a taxpayer. However, you should know that I am a 36.3 year veteran of and currently a firefighter, EMT and safety officer for our dual township fire department in northwest Isabella County. I promised our chief I would try to keep the name of our fire department out of my communications.

Our firefighters and first responders are currently being endangered by the radio communications fiasco occurring in Isabella County. The increased danger is from a drastic decrease in coverage for our hand-held transceivers and pagers.

One of the options proposed to regain our previous level of communications safety is the 800 MHz Michigan Public Service Communications System. On 3/5/16, via an email, I requested answers to concerns we have with the 800 MHz MPSCS from MPSCS Director Bradley Stoddard and/or Deputy Director Theron Shinew.

So far, Director Stoddard and Deputy Director Shinew seem to be ignoring my request as I have had no reply, whatsoever.

Investing in the MPSCS 800 MHz will be a huge expense for our department. Once we make the change, our communications budget would be crippled for many years. As a safety officer and a tax payer, I need to be assured that a move to the MPSCS 800 MHz system will actually give us equal or better coverage for our hand-held radios and pagers.

I have attached a copy of the inquiry I sent to Director Stoddard and Deputy Director Shinew. I would be very grateful if you could find someone who is willing to answer my questions and concerns.

Thanks for your time.

Sincerely,

Frank Benn  
Firefighter/EMT/Safety Officer  
For an Anonymous F.D. in NW Isabella County

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for good men to do nothing.  
- Edmund Burke (1729-1797)

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